

Weekly Update October 4, 2021

Select Board Member Maura Curran congratulated Town Administrator Jim Boudreau for the success in keeping the Coast Guard station open. Jim pulled together our federal delegation – Senator Markey, Senator Warren, Congressman Lynch, Congressman Keating, and all our local representatives. This is a great accomplishment and we are proud of this work.

There's a great program at Scituate High School called Credit for Life which is a fair that helps students understand the importance of money management. They are looking for 60 volunteers to help with this initiative. October 22, 2021 from 8 AM– 12 PM. Please contact Ann Marie Galvin at galvinannmarie@gmail.com.

Tomorrow night there is a Select Board Meeting at 6:30 PM which will begin with Executive Session. There is also a Waterways Meeting this week, October 6th at 7 PM the Scituate Maritime Center, as well as School Committee.

Thursday at 6 pm, there will be another concert at the Bandstand, weather permitting.

The Senior center offers a lunch program and they need volunteers to help serve between 11:30 am – 1:00 PM. The staff is doing a fabulous job. If interested in volunteering your time, please reach out to the Senior Center at 545-8722.

Town Administrator Jim Boudreau gave a water update and said Old Oaken Bucket water main construction is finished. There are still trenches on the road, so please go slow. The contractor should be paving soon.

The Brook St. water main replacement is on- going and headed up to Tilden Rd. The road is open to local traffic only. We are also starting work on Studley Royal.

Water demand is dipping down 1.237 million gallons a day, down .06 from the week before. We still have high manganese in the reservoir, however it is dropping. The reservoir was at -8 yesterday, and at + 4. 5 at Tack Factory. We have deliberately lowered to make room for storms. We are still doing the pilot study at the water treatment plant which will wrap up shortly and they will come back in the winter so we know exactly the type of treatment plant we need to construct.

The Covid number this past week is 19, up from 14 from the previous week, and 17 the week prior. The positivity rating is 1.16%. Plymouth county is over 3% and the state is 1.96%. The good news is the positivity rate is going down. The state issued new guidance on booster shots which can be found on mass.gov where you can take a survey to check for eligibility. Booster shots are free.

First Parish road work continues and we hope to have it paved shortly. The sidewalks are complete and the contractor will be out soon. Please go slow as we will have traffic enforcement in the area as people tend to speed up on newly paved roads.

PJ Steverman rink is substantially complete and looks fantastic. Thank you to the Steverman family and CPC for funding this project. Mr. Boudreau encourages all to go check it out.

Well 17 A work continues and the green sand filter will take the iron and manganese out and return 225,000 to 250,000 gallons of clean water/day.

Widows Walk renovation project is on- going and we are on schedule to finish this winter. It's a \$2.25 Million project and once complete we will send out an RFP for concessions. We are looking forward to having it up and running in the spring.

The final drainage in cedar point is complete. The base coat is down and then we need some curbing down at the entrance to cedar point which should be finished by winter time. Mr. Boudreau noted there's still quite a bit of roadwork going on in town so please be cautious.

Superintendent Bill Burkhead provided the Covid update of 7 cases this past week, up from 2. As part of the American Rescue Plan Act, Scituate qualifies for grant funding. The school is seeking public comments on the use of these funds and the district has many areas of need. Please provide feedback on the Scituate School homepage scituate.k12.ma.us and click on the community feedback icon. The survey closes Thursday, 10/7. He thanked everyone for their input.

Supt. Burkhead said that one of our goals this year is to have an emphasis on creating a unified climate culture based on trust relationships between school, home, and community. We want to work together and will be holding seaside chats throughout the year. The first will be on October 14th at 1 pm and 6 pm held at the Senior Center. The topic will be on the Mass School Building Authority project for Hatherly School. We are in the eligibility phase of this project and the next phase is feasibility and design. Town Meeting is on October 26th so we want to hear from you. Other Seaside chats will provide opportunity for an open forum to hear the needs of the community.

School committee meeting is tonight, 6 pm and will celebrate student learning. This week will cover Early Childhood center, leadership report, school nurses, and we will hear from Asst. Superintendent Driscoll on MCAS results. Additional topics include new information on our engagement academy, FY23 budget calendar as well as a vote on the Superintendent's goals.

Sailor shout out to Mr. Smith and his 4th grade class at Cushing. Supt. Burkhead is striving to make personal connections and last Friday he visited Cushing School and had a great time as the guest reader for the day dressed as Willy Wonka.